
Title: Gargish Culture

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Introduction:

Once the enemies of humans, gargoyles were considered deamons by those they first met. Nothing could be farther from the truth, as the gargoyles were the keepers of the Codex of Ultimate wisdom. During the time historians consider the age of enlightenment, the Avatar in his quest for the Codex caused the Isle of the Avatar to arise from the ocean depths. This act was foretold by a gargish seer as the beginning of the end for the gargish race. The second act was the rescue of Lord British from the Shadowlords from the depths. The resulting earthquakes were the next omen. The third omen foretold the "False Prophet" returning to the depths with a band of warriors to destroy that which is gargyle. The only way to avert the doom foretold was by sacrificing the "False Prophet". However, the only thing considered of value was the Codex itself, so the Avatar returned it to the void, there to be veiued by all those in need, human and

gargoyle alike.

The Gargish Culture was defined and bound by a series of books, written and passed down through the generations. Herein lies what knowledge has been garnered from these texts over the years, by humans. These texts are by no means complete, nor are they positively accurate. Though are put forth here as a reference to the Gargish Culture, or what remains of it.

Book of Circles:

All begins from the three Principles: Control, Passion, and Diligence. From Control springs Direction. From Passion springs Feeling. From Diligence springs Persistence. But these three Virtues are no more important than the other five: Control combines with Passion to give Balance. Passion combines with Diligence to achieve Achievement. And Diligence joins with Control to form Precision. The absence of Control Passion and Diligence is Chaos. The absence of the Principles points to the seventh Virtue, Order. The three Principles unify to become Singularity. This is the eighth Virtue, yet it is also the first.

Because within
Singularity can be
found all the
Principles and thus
all the Virtues. A
circle has no end. It
continues forever
with all parts equally
important to the
success of the whole.
Our society is the
same. It continues
forever, with all
members (and
virtues) an equal part
of the unified whole.
Book of Rituals:

Heed well as I,
Naxitlor, write of
how I brought the
Codex to our land and
thereby ushered in
the time of
Prosperity : With the
help of the Lens
maker, I crafted the
Vortex Lens, where I
could see the Codex
where it originally
rested. I created the
Vortex Cube to focus
the power of the
Moonstones and draw
the Vortex down to the
world. Then I used the
lens to form an image
of the Codex upon the
cube. The Vortex
touched our plane, the
Image became solid,
and the Codex was
brought down to be
used properly by our
race !

Book of Prophecy :

An ancient prophecy
tells of the final days.
Three omens shall
precede the end.
Thrice shall a being of
great evil come into our
land, and by this shall
it be known that the
end is nigh. The evil
one is of another race,

and those of that race
consider him to be a
great prophet. Yet
tis is a false prophet,
for he does not follow
the Principles of
Control, Passion, and
Diligence.

One day the false
prophet shall come and
desecrate our most
holy shrine, and he
shall steal our most
holy artifact, the
Codex of Ultimate
Wisdom. This shall
be the first sign of
the end.

Then the false
prophet shall descend
deep into the bowels of
the earth. And there
shall he cause the
Underworld to
collapse. Thus
causing great
earthquakes to tear
our world asunder,
and there will follow a
time of plague and
famine. This shall be
the second sign of the
end.

One last time shall the
false prophet come.
and with him he shall
bring a band of
warriors to destroy all
that is left of the
Gargish race.

There is only one way
that this prophecy
may be thwarted : The
Sacrifice of the false
prophet.

Book of Prosperity :

Long ago the great Seer
Naxitlor summoned
the Codex into the
world. Thus began the
great time of
Prosperity. The Codex

was placed within the Temple of Singularity, there to be viewed by those requiring it's knowledge. The Seers of the land, led by Naxitilar protected the Codex with a forcefield. Only those on sacred quests for Wisdom may be allowed to reach and read the Codex. Within the Codex is written the one true and right answer to any problem. One has but to reach the Codex, then read and correctly interpret the answer properly.

With perfect Wisdom and infallible knowledge, all that remains is to have the Control, Passion, and Diligence required to follow the proper course. These are the underpinnings of our society, and so our race is able to use the Codex wisely and well.

This is why the Codex exists : To lead the Gargish race to Ultimate Prosperity.

Book of Family :

When a child hatches from an egg, it comes into the world without wings. But even from then one can tell whether a child shall have wings or be a wingless-one. The Wingless-ones can not speak and lack the intelligence of the winged ones. Those without wings must be guilded. The winged ones are but

few, yet they are
entrusted with the
intelligence and
wisdom of our race.
The winged ones must
be the guides for the
Wingless. Both winged
and wingless spring
forth from the same
eggs, and both belong to
the same family. Both
remain apart of the
single whole, to best
maintain the struggle
of our survival in our
world.

Book of Administration:

For countless ages the
winged have led the
wingless-ones, for
this right and proper.
But we must
remember that they
are no less valuable
than we. A body with
no head cannot move,
yet neither may a
head without a body.
All must function in
Unity if anything is to
be achieved. So guide
the Wingless well, and
keep them from paths
of error. But guide
them also with
respect.